

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheets make changes to Figs. 1, 2, 5 and 7 and replace the original sheets with Figs. 1, 2 and 5-7, and the attached new sheet adds Fig. 1A.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (4)

New Sheet (1)

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification and claims 10 and 14 are amended. Figs. 1 and 7 have been amended and Fig. 1A has been added based on the Examiner's helpful comments and the description in the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 19 of Applicant's specification. Figs. 2, 5 and 7 have been amended to correct typographical errors.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended by Examiner Nerbun to Applicant's representative during the September 7, 2005 personal interview. The personal interview is summarized below and thus constitutes Applicant's record of the interview.

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a). By this Amendment, Fig. 1A has been added and Fig. 7 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's helpful comments. Fig. 1 has also been amended based on the added Fig. 1A. It is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-9, 11-13, 15 and 16. For the reasons discussed below, claims 10 and 14 are allowable.

Claims 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Brienza et al. (Brienza), U.S. Patent No. 4,166,423. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As agreed during the personal interview, Brienza fails to disclose a sewing apparatus with an informing unit supplying information about a sewing work to a user, as recited in claim 10. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Fritts, U.S. Patent No. 3,749,039. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

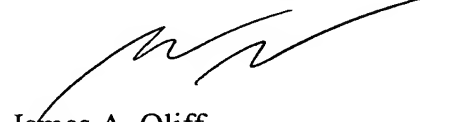
As agreed during the personal interview, Fritts fails to disclose a thread cassette with a determination portion provided so as to be opposed to a detecting portion of the sewing mechanism when attached to the sewing machine, the determination portion being designed

so that a correspondence between the determination portion and the detecting portion is fulfilled according to a type of a needle thread held by the thread cassette, wherein a determining unit provided in the sewing mechanism is capable of determining a type of a needle thread based on the fulfilled correspondence, as recited in claim 14. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-16 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

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